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1. The reply filed on August 8, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): New claim 27 appears to be missing a limitation cited in the prior independent claims related to "scales". See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Applicant is encourage to call the Examiner and discuss claim 27 before submitting a response.

3. Any inquiry concerning this information or related to the subject disclosure should be directed to the Primary Examiner, Joseph P. Hirl, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3685. The Examiner can be reached on Monday – Thursday from 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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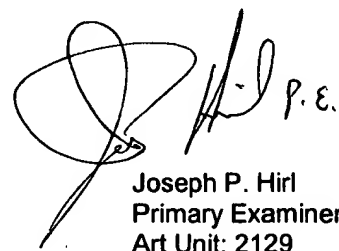
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